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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7193**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 457

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 19, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 19, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Farming Practices and Inspections.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Banks

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill allows for rabbits to be slaughtered and processed without inspection under certain conditions and sold at a farmers' market or roadside stand. It requires that rabbits exempt from inspection and sold at a farmers' market or roadside stand be frozen at the point of sale.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) *Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH):* This bill provides that the ISDH adopt rules to allow rabbits to be slaughtered and processed on the farm, at a farmer's market, and at a roadside stand. The ISDH should be able to accomplish this activity within the current level of resources available.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) *Local Health Departments:* Local health department food safety inspections may increase if consumer complaints increase as a result of the sale of rabbits at farmer's markets and roadside stands. Any fiscal impact would depend upon local circumstances.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana State Department of Health; Board of Animal Health.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local health departments.

**Information Sources:**

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